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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MARR PFOR GR US
SUBJ: US-GREEK DEFENSE COOPERATION DISCUSSIONS: SOUDA
AIR BASE

REFS: A. STATE 107367(DTG 122350Z MAY 77); B. ATHENS 4377
(DTG 111111Z MAY 77; C. ATHENS 4177(DTG 051714Z MAY 77)

1. SUMMARY: GREEKS WOULD NOT ACCEPT REFORMULATION OF STEM
OF PARA I.B OF SOUDA APPENDIX ARTICLE IX AS PROPOSED IN
REF A. HOWEVER, THEY DID AGREE TO FURTHER ADJUSTMENTS
OF PRESENT TEXT IN REF B TO HELP SATISFY U.S. CONCERNS.
ACTION REQUEST: SEE PARA 8. END SUMMARY.
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2. US SIDE TABLED TEXT PROPOSED IN REF A AT MAY 13
WORKING GROUP MEETING. GREEKS WERE UPSET,
SUSPECTING THAT THE NEW FORMULATION MIGHT SOMEHOW BE
INTENDED TO CIRCUMVENT THE U.S. COMMITMENT TO PAY A
FAIR AND EQUITABLE SHARE OF O AND M COSTS IN RETURN
FOR U.S. USE OF SOUDA. THEY ARGUED THAT, EVEN

THOUGH THEIR AGREEMENT ON THE SORTIE LEVELS IN ARTICLE III OF THE APPENDIX WAS PRECONDITIONED ON U.S. ACCEPTANCE OF THE GREEK COST CHARGING FORMULA, THEY HAD ALREADY AGREED TO EXTENSIVE CHANGES IN THE FORMULA TO SATISFY U.S. CONCERNS. AS A CONSEQUENCE, THE GREEKS REJECTED A MAJOR RESTRUCTURING OF THE TEXT IN REF B AND WITHDREW THEIR PREVIOUS AGREEMENT ON THE SORTIE LEVELS PENDING RESOLUTION OF THIS QUESTION.

3. GREEKS CONCEDED THAT THE INTENT OF THE PRESENT TEXT TO LIMIT THE SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES INCLUDED IN O AND M COMPUTATIONS COULD BE REVERSED THROUGH AN EXTREME, ILLOGICAL AND MOST CIRCULAR MISINTERPRETATION. HOWEVER, THEY VIEWED THIS POSSIBILITY AS INCONCEIVABLE AND ASKED THE U.S. TO DISPLAY THE SAME TRUST AS WE HAD ASKED OF THEM IN MANY OTHER ISSUES. NEVERTHELESS, THE GREEKS WERE WILLING TO ADJUST FURTHER THE PRESENT FORMULATION (REF B) TO HELP SATISFY U.S. CONCERNS AND CLOSE OF SOUDA ISSUE ENTIRELY.

4. THE FOLLOWING FORMULATION WAS WORKED OUT DURING THE MAY 13 MEETING AND AN INFORMAL SESSION ON MAY 14.

"B SHARE IN PERCENT EQUAL TO A OVER A PLUS B TIMES 100 (THE FORMULA) FOR THE ACTUAL OPERATIONAL AND MAINTENANCE (O AND M) COSTS OF THE AIRFIELD, EXCLUDING THOSE OF ASSIGNED HELLENIC AIR FORCE AIRCRAFT SQUADRONS AND ANY ORGANIZATIONS OR ACTIVITIES WHICH ARE NOT RELATED TO THE FUNCTIONING

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OF AN AIRFIELD, WERE:"

NOTE: REGARDING THE LAST PHRASE STARTING WITH "WHICH ARE NOT...", THE GREEKS WILL ACCEPT THE REFORMULATION ABOVE OR THE PRESENT FORMULATION IN REF B, BUT NOT A COMBINATION OF BOTH.

5. COMMENTS ON REFORMULATION.

A. "TACTICAL SQUADRONS" WAS REPLACED WITH "AIRCRAFT SQUADRONS" TO BROADEN THE SCOPE OF THIS REFERENCE.

B. "HELLENIC AND NON-U.S. WAS DELETED. THE REMAINING "ANY ORGANIZATIONS OR ACTIVITIES" COVERS HELLENIC AND NON-U.S. AS WELL AS U.S. (NAVDET SOUDA) ORGANIZATIONS OR ACTIVITIES, THUS ELIMINATING THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE GREEKS COULD CHARGE THE USN FOR A PERCENTAGE OF COSTS ALREADY PAID IN ACCORDANCE WITH

ARTICLE IX.1.A (REF A, PARA 1.B).

C. LAST PHRASE WAS ALTERED TO AVOID POSSIBLE INTERPRETATION THAT O AND M COSTS OF HELLENIC AIRCRAFT SQUADRONS OR OTHER ORGANIZATIONS OR ACTIVITIES COULD BE INCLUDED IN THE FORMULA ON THE BASIS THAT THEY ARE "INVOLVED IN" FUNCTIONS MERELY BECAUSE THEY RECEIVE SERVICES OR SUPPORT FROM SUCH FUNCTIONS. KEY WORDS ARE "RELATED TO", "FUNCTIONING", AND "AN AIRFIELD". WE WOULD HAVE PREFERRED A STRONGER WORD THAT "RELATED" BUT IT WAS THE BEST THAT WE COULD MANAGE UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES. IN ANY EVENT, THIS FORMULATION WOULD CLEARLY EXEMPT THOSE ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES WHICH EXIST AT SOUDA BUT WHICH ARE NOT RELATED TO THE ACTUAL FUNCTIONING OF AN AIRFIELD. WE BELIEVE "AN AIRFIELD" IS MOST IMPORTANT, SINCE IT GENERALIZES THE PROVISION CAN BE USED TO ARGUE THE EXEMPTION OF ITEMS WHICH MIGHT BE PECULIAR

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TO SOUDA BUT NOT TO AN AIRFIELD IN GENERAL.

6. COMMENTS IN REF C, PARA 8.B. CONTINUE TO APPLY AND SHOULD BE REVIEWED IN PREPARING A RESPONSE TO THIS MESSAGE.

7. WE ARE MOST AWARE THAT THE LANGUAGE OF THE REFORMULATION IN PARA 4 ABOVE LACKS PRECISION AND TALKS AROUND THE SUBJECT. NEVERTHELSS, WE BELIEVE IT SERVES OUR PURPOSES AND IS THE MOST WE CAN OBTAIN WITH OUT THREATENING THE BROAD GAINS WE HAVE ACHIEVED IN THE OVERALL SOUDA ISSUE.

8. ACTION REQUEST: WASHINGTON APPROVAL OF TEXT IN PARA 4 ABOVE BY OOB, MAY 17. KUBISCH

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